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APPLICANT'S SUMMARY OF THE TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW
WITH THE EXAMINER

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Dear Sir:

Applicant and his counsel wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the helpful telephonic interview conducted on June 2, 2009.

During the telephonic interview, the Examiner explained that the claim recitation of "facing in a direction of linear travel of said nut" constituted, in effect, a process limitation which should be substituted by a more definitive structural claim language, so that proper patentable weight can be accorded all intended limitations of Applicant's apparatus claims.

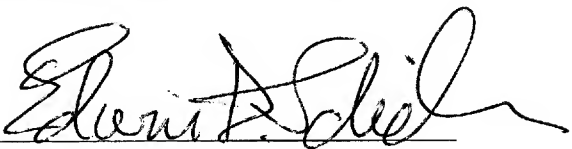
The Examiner and Applicant's attorney further discussed the preferred embodiment of Applicant's invention, as illustrated in FIG. 3B, and which is described in Applicant's *Specification* at Page 5, and that a claim directed toward this embodiment of the present invention would appear to be allowable over the prior art of record if claimed in a manner that provided sufficient structural limitations.

As explained in the concurrently-filed *Amendment*, new independent Claim 19 recites the preferred embodiment of FIG. 3B, which Applicant's attorney and the Examiner specifically discussed. Amended independent Claim 11, which is broader than Claim 19, takes into consideration the Examiner's comments with respect to FIG. 3B and the applied prior art, however, Applicant wishes to make clear that the scope of independent Claim 11, as amended, is (and remains) broader than simply the embodiment shown in FIG. 3B and as described in Applicant's textual disclosure.

Applicant and his counsel again thank the Examiner for his courteous and helpful telephonic interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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